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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Dale BASKIN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1637  
Application No.: 09/818,086 ) Examiner: J. Tung  
Filed: March 26, 2001 )  
For: METHODS OF DETERMINING ) RECEIVED  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed February 11, 2003.

Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

Applicants request entry of the following amendments. Applicants responded to the Final Office Action and filed a Notice of Appeal on August 11, 2003. An Advisory Action was mailed on September 24, 2003. A Petition for Four Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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